

CITY OF HAYWARD AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE AGENDA ITEM 05/25/04

WORK SESSION ITEM

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Director of Community and Economic Development

SUBJECT: FY 2004-05 Annual Paratransit Plan and Gap Fund Application

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit the FY 2004-05 Annual Paratransit Plan and Application for Measure B Gap Funds, and to execute related documents.

DISCUSSION:

The Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) administers the allocation of Measure B funds used to support the operations of the Hayward Paratransit Program. FY 2004-05 is the second of a four year Agreement between ACTIA and the City of Hayward related to the distribution and utilization of Measure B funds for this purpose. The City is required under this Agreement to submit an application for Measure B paratransit funding, along with a plan describing how the City intends to use these funds, on an annual basis.

In accordance with the multi-year Agreement with ACTIA, the City submitted its annual Measure B Application in April 2004 for a total of \$576,279, the amount of base funding that is available to the City for this period. This application includes the City's Annual Paratransit Plan for FY 2004-05. The Plan was developed with input from the City's Paratransit Advisory Committee whose membership includes representatives from different user groups of the Hayward Paratransit Program, as well as representatives from the Hayward Human Services Commission.

The FY 2004-05 Annual Paratransit Plan calls for the continuation of the three paratransit service components that are currently in place. The primary component provides traditional paratransit services to older adults and persons with disabilities on an individual and group basis. This component is currently carried out through a contract with a private transportation company called MV Transportation, Inc. The two smaller components provide specialized paratransit services that go beyond the scope of traditional paratransit.

One of the specialized paratransit service contracts is with the Alzheimer Services for the East Bay (ASEB) which provides transportation to and from its adult day care program, located in Hayward, that serves persons who have dementia. It is necessary for ASEB to operate its own transportation because ASEB drivers function as part of the team of service professionals employed by ASEB. Drivers receive special training to work with this population. The other specialized transportation contract is with Service Opportunities for Senior, Inc. - Meals on Wheels program which delivers food to older adults and persons with disabilities who are unable to leave their homes, and who otherwise meet the paratransit program's eligibility requirements. All three contracts are expected to be continued in FY 2004-05.

Through a separate application process, ACTIA has requested that the City submit an application for an additional \$181,025 in Measure B "Gap Funds". These funds will be used to fill paratransit service gaps in the Hayward area that were identified by ACTIA's regional service Gap Analysis conducted earlier this year. The additional resources will also enable the City to expand the paratransit services offered using service priority guidelines previously established by Council. These services include: Same-day (as opposed to prescheduled) medical trips, and prescheduled non-medical trips (such as food shopping and banking), for Hayward Paratransit Program participants, as well as group recreation trips for residents of local skilled nursing facilities and adult day care programs. Additionally, the City has been asked by ACTIA to participate in two joint projects that will include ACTIA and other cities in the central and southern regions of Alameda County. These projects are: A) the development of paratransit waiting areas/information kiosks at selected area hospitals (so that drivers and passengers will know where to meet each other at large medical facilities), and B) paratransit services to persons being discharged from identified local hospitals who have no other means of transportation.

Staff recommends requesting that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute documents to implement both the base funding and gap fund paratransit applications.

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Resolution

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO SUBMIT A PARATRANSIT PLAN AND GAP FUND
APPLICATION FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
MEASURE B PARATRANSIT FUNDS IN FY 2004-05 TO
THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, AS WELL AS TO
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS
RELATED TO AND IN SUPPORT OF THESE
ACTIVITIES

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the City Manager is authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of Hayward, to submit to the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority a Paratransit Plan and Gap Fund Application for the expenditure of Measure B Paratransit funds in FY 2004-05.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager shall have the

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward